

Route 116 Stage Gulch Road Curve Improvement and Realignment Project

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Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration



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Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Department) proposes to widen the shoulders of State Route 116 to standard widths between Adobe Road and Arnold Drive, and improve some nonstandard curves. The radius of horizontal curves will be increased at least to the standard for this type of facility (two lane highway). Improving the roadway just west of Transfer Station Road (aka County Dump Road) without impinging on an environmentally-sensitive area will necessitate realigning the highway for about 1.2 km (0.75 m) in that area. The existing roadway near Transfer Station Road will be realigned to avoid an environmentally sensitive area. Several retaining walls are proposed to minimize the need to acquire additional state right-of-way.

Determination

The Department has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment for the following reason:

The proposed project would have no effect on air, noise, hazardous materials, growth, public utilities, or cultural resources.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on biological resources or on water quality because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to beneath the level of significance:

- Creek restoration to mitigate loss of critical habitat for threatened and endangered species; and
- Implementation of Best Management Practices to protect water quality, including bioswales and retention ponds.

The remaining resources located within the project area are expected to be affected; however, that effect is not expected to be significant.


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